

ORDINANCE NO. 023-104

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
WITH PACE FOR FREE RIDES FOR
RIDERS IMPACTED BY THE FOREST
PARK BRANCH REBUILD PROJECT

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority (“Authority”) launched the Forest Park Branch Rebuild project, a multi-year, multi-phased investment to reconstruct the Blue Line Forest Park Branch, which will temporarily impact service between the Illinois Medical District and downtown; and

WHEREAS, To encourage Blue Line Forest Park Branch riders to take alternative transit options, the Authority is providing free rides on Authority bus routes and on Green, Pink and Blue Line trains in the area, and the Authority is also partnering with Pace, the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority (“Pace”), to subsidize complimentary rides on select Pace routes in the project area; and

WHEREAS, Free rides are available on designated north-south Pace regular, fixed route bus service in the project area; and

WHEREAS, Riders boarding Pace’s #307, #311, #315, and #318 bus routes, which provide service between the Green Line and the Blue Line Forest Park Branch, along with riders boarding Pace’s #316 bus route, which provides service between 54th/Cermak on the Pink Line and the Blue Line Forest Park Branch, will be able to ride for free; and

WHEREAS, Free rides commenced at the start of the Forest Park Branch Rebuild project on July 23, 2023, and will conclude on the last day of the project on October 7, 2023, unless extended by mutual agreement of the parties; and

WHEREAS, The Authority will reimburse Pace for each free ride provided at Pace’s average fare, as outlined in the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) attached as Exhibit A hereto; and

WHEREAS, The IGA will remain in effect until terminated by either party with sixty (60) days’ notice; and

WHEREAS, Cooperation between and among governmental agencies and entities through intergovernmental agreements is authorized by the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 220/1 et seq.); now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD
OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

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SECTION 1. The President of the Chicago Transit Board, or his designee, is hereby authorized to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Pace, the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority, effective retroactive to July 23, 2023, until terminated by either party with sixty (60) days' notice, which requires the Authority to reimburse Pace for each free ride provided to passengers on designated routes in the Forest Park Branch Rebuild project area during the project and contains such other terms as are substantially in conformance with the Intergovernmental Agreement Subsidizing Rides at Certain Stops Along Pace Routes for Riders Affected by Phase I of the Forest Park Branch Rebuild attached as Exhibit A hereto.

SECTION 2. The President of the Authority and the Chairman of the Board, or their designees, are further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to implement the objectives of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

PASSED:

Chairman

Secretary

September 22, 2023

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